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Letter dated 14 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the six States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization — the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan — I have the honour to transmit herewith the joint statement of the Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization in connection with missile strikes on the territory of Syria, adopted in Moscow on 14 April 2018 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 14 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement by the Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization in connection with the missile attacks on Syria

14 April 2018 Moscow

The Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, reaffirming its support for the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, condemns the missile attacks on Syria carried out on 14 April 2018 by the United States of America, with the support of the United Kingdom and France, in violation of the fundamental principles and rules of international law, in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations and without the authorization of the United Nations Security Council.

The Permanent Council believes that these actions run counter to efforts to swiftly eliminate the terrorist threat in Syria and resolve the Syrian domestic conflict through political and diplomatic means, and are causing the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the country. They also have the potential to further escalate tensions in the region and in the world as a whole.

The Permanent Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization calls on the United Nations Security Council to make every effort to fulfil the mission entrusted to it by the international community to restore and maintain international peace and security. We are convinced that rigorous adherence to the principles and instruments of international law could yet prevent the escalation of the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic and thus prevent further suffering by the Syrian people and the weakening of the current system of international relations.